To: Marissa Levine, MD, MPH, FAAFP, State Health Commissioner

From: Linda Redmond, PhD, Chair, Advisory Council on Health Disparities & Health

Equity (ACHDHE)

Date: April 11, 2017

Subject: ACHDHE Recommendations for Program Enhancement

In response to January meeting presentation which was held on February 7, 2017 on the topic "VDH Accreditation Evaluation Measures," presented by Mr. John Ringer, Director of Public Health Planning and Evaluation, we respectfully make the following recommendation:

• As the agency proceed with securing its public health accreditation, VDH ensure all health clinics have quality Cultural and Linguistic Appropriate Services (CLAS) frameworks and monitor internal processes for assigning interpreter for the users of services.

Thank you for your consideration of the recommendation.

Luisa Soaterna, , Chair

cc: ACHDHE members